

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the Examiner required restriction between Species (a) drawn to a liquid crystal display device having a second polarizer provided over the reflection-polarizing plate (Fig. 3; claims 9-11, 15-23 and 29-30) and Species (b) drawn to a liquid crystal display device having a diffusion layer interposed between the liquid crystal panel and the reflection-polarizing plate (Fig. 4; claims 9-10, 12-23 and 29-30). The Examiner stated that the two species are patentably distinct from one another thereby making restriction proper.

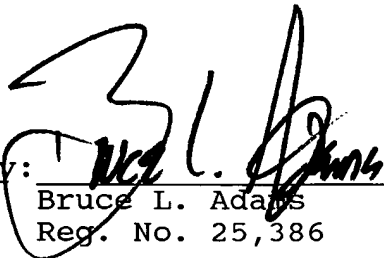
In response to the restriction requirement, applicants have elected Species (a) and list claims 9-11, 15-23 and 29-30 as being readable on the elected species. Applicants also submit that claims 9-10, 15-23 and 29-30 are all generic claims readable on both Species (a) and (b).

In the event of allowance of a generic claim, it is applicants' understanding that the requirement for an election of species will be withdrawn as to claims drawn to the non-elected species that depend on, or include the subject matter of, an allowable generic claim.

Early and favorable action are respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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